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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM MONITORING
STATION AT ALEXANDRIA

- 1. FOR DAVID C. SCULL, CHIEF, NAVIGATIONAL SCIENCE BRANCH, OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM OPERATIONS DETAIL.
- 2. COMMODORE IBRAHIM HUSSEIN, ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT ACADEMY (AMTA), CALLED JUNE 12 TO INFORM CONGEN RE PROPOSED USCG AMTA AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM MONITORING SYSTEM IN ALEXANDRIA, HUSSEIN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED SCULL'S APRIL 17 LETTER AFTER A LONG DELAY AND HAD RESPONDED ON MAY 24 WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS RE EQUIPMENT. HE IS ANXIOUS TO GET THE PROJECT UNDERWAY AND WONDERED IF HIS LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED
- 3. HUSSEIN CONFIRMED THAT THE FACILITY (I.E. AIR CONDITIONED ROOM) FOR THE MONITORING STATION IS PREPARED AND HE WOULD LIKE THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AGREEMENT BE SIGNED IN EGYPT (BETWEEN AN OFFICIAL OF THE AMTA AND AN AUTHORIZED EMBASSY OR CONGEN REP) INSTEAD OF LONDON AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT BE CONSIGNED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO AND LATER DELIVERED TO AMTA AND THAT MONITORING TAPES BE SENT MONTHLY TO USCG VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH FOR SAFE HANDLING. (UNDERSTAND THAT MONITORING EQUIPMENT WEIGHS ONLY ABOUT 85 POUNDS AND COMES IN TWO FAIRLY

SMALL BOXES.) CONGEN PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THIS PROJECT IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION.

4. HUSSEIN SAID HE WAS GOING TO LONDON FOR AN OMEGA CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 26-28 AND WOULD DELIVER A PAPER ON "THE OMEGA SYSTEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST" THERE. ON HIS RETURN TO EGYPT, COMMODORE HUSSEIN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE OMEGA MONITORING STATION AT NEA-MACRI ON A US MILITARY BASE IN GREECE. HE ASKED IF THE USCG COULD ARRANGE THIS FOR HIM.

5. CONGEN WILL BE PLEASED TO RELAY ANY RESPONSE TO HUSSEIN IF DESIRED. MCCLELLAND

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